

The State Emergency Response Team activated at 7 o'clock this morning, but has been making preparations for several days. State agencies have mobilized their resources and have manpower, equipment and materials ready to move in as soon as the storm passes.

Nearly 250 National Guard soldiers and airmen are on State Active Duty in armories in Kinston, Lumberton, Roxboro, Butner, Winston-Salem, Charlotte and at the State EOC in Raleigh. Soldiers from Winston-Salem and Charlotte are moving to Clinton today. There are approximately 500 additional soldiers and airmen on alert

The N.C. State Highway Patrol has all its troopers on alert and is bringing 3 squads to Raleigh (25 troopers) to be ready for deployment east if needed.

Department of Transportation crews are on standby and ready to barricade any flooded highways and remove debris that may blow onto roads. For highway conditions, visit <http://www.ncsmartlink.org> and click on "Real-Time Travel Info" or call 1-877-DOT4YOU.

For flood safety information go to CCPS' web site at <http://www.nccrimecontrol.org/> and click on "Divisions," "Emergency Management," and "Severe Weather."

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